

REMARKS

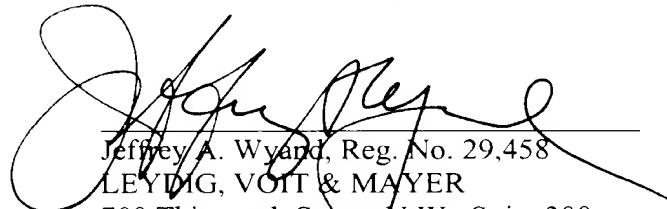
In response to the Official Action mailed July 3, 2003, Applicants propose to amend their application to place the application in form for allowance. It is proposed to cancel claims 1 and 2 and to rewrite claims 3 and 4 in independent form so that claims 3-6 and 8-13 will remain pending upon entry of this Amendment.

Claims 8-13 were allowed.

Claims 3-6 were stated to be allowable. Claims 3 and 4 are each rewritten in independent form and claims 5 and 6 depend from the newly independent forms of claims 3 and 4, respectively.

The foregoing amendment places the application in form for allowance so that its entry is appropriate and earnestly solicited.

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